



How to Receive Your Stimulus Rebate

Recently, Congress and the Administration worked together to create a stimulus package aimed at helping families in the 13th District and across the country. H.R. 5140, the Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act, will give about 4.5 million families in Michigan \$3.8 billion in tax rebates.

While this stimulus package addresses some of our immediate problems, we must continue working to develop real solutions that will reinvigorate the economy, renew consumer confidence, and relieve America's families of the burdens of increasing education, health care, and energy costs. The Congressional Black Caucus is pushing for a Summer Jobs program for youth, their parents, and seniors. We must focus on creating real results for real families with real problems. I look forward to working with you to generate these solutions.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the recovery rebate?

The recovery rebate is the payment now of a new tax credit for the 2008 income year. The check is intended to stimulate the economy.

Am I eligible for a stimulus check?

Generally, you are eligible if you file your 2007 income tax return reporting tax liability or have earned income, social security income, or disabled veterans' benefits of more than \$3,000. The credit phases out for those taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of \$75,000 (\$150,000 for a joint return) or more. If you are claimed as a dependent on someone else's return, such as your parents, you are not eligible.

What do I need to file to get a stimulus check?

Most taxpayers simply need to file a 2007 income tax return. There is no additional form needed; the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will automatically send the check to you.

When will I receive my rebate?

The rebate check will be separate from your refund check. The Treasury Department will begin to issue the rebates more than 130 million households in May. They will be issued over a period of months through the spring and early summer. No checks will be issued or mailed after December 31, 2008.

How can I get more information?

The IRS will mail two informational notices to taxpayers advising them of the stimulus check. You can obtain more information about the stimulus check from the IRS by visiting www.irs.gov or calling 1-800-829-1040.

How much will my rebate be?

| If your "Adjusted Gross Income" in 2007 was: | You will receive: |
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| \$3,000 to \$6,000, filing singly | \$300 to \$600, plus \$300 per dependent child. |
| \$6,000 to \$75,000, filing singly | \$600, plus \$300 per dependent child. |
| Up to \$150,000, married filing jointly | \$1,200, plus \$300 per dependent child. |
| Over \$75,000, filing singly | \$600, plus \$300 per dependent child, less 5% for every \$1,000 made over \$75,000. |
| Over \$150,000, married filing jointly | \$1,200 plus \$300 per dependent child, less 5% for every \$1,000 made over the \$150,000. |